

that they gave their lives defending the People's House. Officers Chestnut and Gibson will be missed by all of us, and may their sacrifice never be forgotten.

IN TRIBUTE

(Mr. BURR of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURR of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today a saddened but grateful Nation pays tribute to two brave men, Jacob Chestnut and John Gibson, who gave their lives to protect the lives of others. There are some among us, even as I speak, who might not be here to celebrate the courage of these two men were it not for their actions in a moment of crisis.

Let us pay tribute as well to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center located in Brunswick, Georgia, for the outstanding training of Federal law enforcement officials and the protection they provide.

The Capitol Police undergo intensive training at this state-of-the-art facility, and they learn not only the skills that will allow them to act decisively in the moments of danger but the professional attitudes and corporate culture that make all the difference in a job that serves all America.

The outstanding performance of Officers Chestnut and Gibson was no accident. The arduous training they received at the FLETC Training Center saved the lives of so many who are here today to say thank you and God bless you, Officer Chestnut and Officer Gibson.

IN TRIBUTE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. TRAFICANT) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the American people have come to learn something that the Congress has dramatically now started to realize. These are not country club jobs. The Capitol Police place their lives on the line like every other police department in the Nation.

My district, the 17th Congressional District of Ohio, joins with the Congress and the Nation in mourning the loss of Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson.

The standards of the Capitol Police were always very high, but Officer Chestnut and Detective Gibson have now raised the bar several notches, and that bar of excellence is very high. We are all proud, and we all join in as the Nation mourns these two great policemen.

But I want to talk to the Members who may be watching this telecast in their offices; to the Speaker; to my good friend, the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. GIBBONS) in the back; and to all the staff here. The Uniformed Division of the Secret Service makes more

money than the Capitol Police for basically the same service.

I take to the floor today as a former sheriff to say security needs of the Nation's Capitol and the Nation's buildings should be addressed. For all of the Members of Congress, on the tragic bombing of the Federal building in Oklahoma City, there was only one guard on duty for the three Federal buildings in Oklahoma City, and that guard was a contract guard, not a full-service, Federal-protective-service-system guard.

We now have to put ourselves in Congress under the microscope. Are we doing all we can? Have we gotten involved with budgetary numbers? I think the time to raise the level of compensation of the Capitol Police is at hand. It will cost \$4 million a year to elevate them to parity with the Uniformed Division of the Secret Service.

Let me also say this to the Congress, it is good economics. Good economics I say to the gentleman from New York (Mr. WALSH). Because if we do not, we spend \$50,000 to training our Capitol policemen, and Montgomery County, Fairfax County, Alexandria, they come in and hire after the scrutinization of the FBI background checks, and they recruit and take our young men and women, and they disrupt the flow of continuity. That must not happen.

H.R. 2828 should be now brought to the floor under the unanimous consent, and that is the tribute that should be paid to these two great policemen, Chestnut and Gibson.

They say words are hard to describe them. As a former sheriff, I would just like to use these words to describe them: They were policemen. Our police officers, the Capitol Police, are some of the best in the world.

The only deaths that occurred were to the officers of the Capitol Police. The people they were responsible for are all breathing. There is not a police department in the United States that could have reacted any better to a crisis of such volatility.

I say to the gentleman from New York (Mr. WALSH), I think H.R. 2828 should have been done. But I understand the legitimate concerns. I know Congress now is reviewing that whole matter. I think the most fitting tribute would be for the Congress of the United States to bring out H.R. 2828 under unanimous consent and take our Capitol Police into parity with the Uniformed Division of the Secret Service. They do the same job. By God, if the Uniformed Division of the Secret Service can do it any better, I would like someone to try and convince me of that.

To the families of Officers Chestnut and Gibson, your husbands, your fathers, they were really heroes. They were policemen for one of the finest law enforcement departments in the Nation, the Capitol Police that protects each and every one of us.

IN TRIBUTE

(Mr. WALSH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, the tragic events of last Friday here in the Capitol have been felt across our entire Nation. Many of my colleagues have risen to praise and honor our two fallen Capitol Hill Police Officers, J.J. Chestnut and John Gibson, for their heroism on that fateful afternoon. I will simply state that I echo those sentiments.

I wish to add my own personal message of sympathy along with the people of New York State's 25th Congressional District in Central New York to the families of both officers. Words do not express, words cannot express the sadness that we all feel and the grief that we all feel for those innocent men and for their families.

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This is an unwritten bond that exists here between and among all those who work on the Hill. We are a family; a large one, to be sure, but family in every way possible.

When one loses a member of one's family, it hurts deeply. When they are lost due to an act of violence, understanding that loss is even more painful and difficult. Now is the time to grieve, and we must be allowed to do so in private. In time, the healing will begin, but for this moment, we mourn our fallen friends.

God bless you, J.J.; God bless you, John.

GOD BLESS OUR FALLEN HEROES

(Mr. COOK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COOK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay a brief tribute to the officers who died Friday trying to preserve the safety and sanctity of this hallowed building. We will dissect Friday's events for months, looking for ways to make sure this tragedy never happens again. We should. This is necessary work.

But what sets these Capitol Police apart from the rest of us who do business in this building is their ability to act in a split second, to make decisions that can exact the highest possible price, without hesitation.

Friday reminded me that in the sea of people on Capitol Hill trained to analyze, debate and ponder, there is a small army of men and women trained to act immediately, decisively and heroically. Like John Gibson did. Like Jacob Chestnut did. These people lined up to pay tribute to these two courageous men underscores a fact I have sometimes forgotten: Without the work they do, we could not do the work we do.

I do not think I will ever forget that again. I may not remember to say thank you every single time I rush past an entrance carefully and cheerfully